

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY AT

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

July 20, 2001

IN RE:

**APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENTS TO THE
INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT NEGOTIATED
BY BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
AND NEXTLINK TENNESSEE, INC. PURSUANT TO
SECTIONS 251 AND 252 OF THE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

DOCKET NO.
01-00336

ORDER APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT

This matter came before the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (the “Authority”) upon the Petition for approval of the Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement (the “Amendments”) negotiated by and between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. (“BellSouth”) and NEXTLINK Tennessee, Inc. The Petition for approval of the Amendments came before the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252.

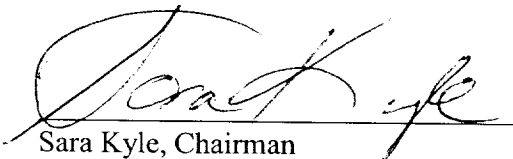
The parties filed an arbitrated Interconnection Agreement with the Authority on November 5, 1999, in Docket No. 98-00123, which was approved as amended at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on March 28, 2000. On January 30, 2001, the parties filed an additional amendment to this agreement in the same docket which was approved by the Authority on February 21, 2001.

The Amendments filed on April 16, 2001, were considered at a regularly scheduled Authority Conference held on June 26, 2001, in Nashville, Tennessee before Chairman Sara Kyle, Director H. Lynn Greer, Jr., and Director Melvin J. Malone. The Authority has jurisdiction over public utilities pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.* Based upon the Petition, the record in this matter, and the standards for review set forth in 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252, the Directors unanimously approved the Amendments and made the following findings and conclusions:

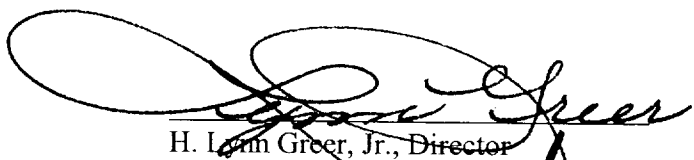
- 1) The Amendments are in the public interest as they provide consumers with alternative sources of telecommunications services within the BellSouth service area;
- 2) The Amendments are not discriminatory to telecommunications service providers that are not parties thereto;
- 3) No party has sought intervention in this docket;
- 4) Approval of the Amendments is consistent with previous Authority decisions and orders; and
- 5) The Amendments and the Interconnection Agreement are reviewable by the Authority pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §§ 251-252 and Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-4-104 *et seq.*

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

The Amendments to the Interconnection Agreement negotiated between BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. and NEXTLINK Tennessee, Inc. are approved and are subject to the review of the Authority as provided herein.



Sara Kyle, Chairman




H. Lynn Greer, Jr., Director



Melvin J. Malone, Director

ATTEST:



K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary